I made you an offer of my allegiance as promised — I have the pleasure to tell you I have done for once a little more than I said I would do — I have

Dear Jenny

in mind a

Whig convention to be held in Harrisburg on the 4th of March next — Gen Taylor is spoken of as the Whig candidate for President — I am not at present decided as to whether I will go or not — I have a strong desire to see the Whig Convention — & should I go I will call & see you — I am sorry to find that you

have not received the two last letters I have written. A week ago Tuesday I took up a franking & sent it by Miss Leading containing Elisa's & Wright's letter. Sarah Ann's & one or two more papers & hastily wrote to Anne & Aunt Mary, & sent a number of directions about things I wanted done. Friday I wrote again & put the letter into Abby's trunk of clothes which she sends home every other week — I trust you have got them both by this time. The first of the letters contained about your business was that my opinion, founded upon what Mary Condon said, was that there was not much probability that an offer would be made good enough to induce you to come. I got your letter this noon, & at noon walked up to Jimmy's & in polite language demanded an answer — He with many bows said he would arrange it if he could immediately. He would see Mr Rodman this afternoon — As soon as I learned that Mr Rodman was in the matter, I began to have some hopes you would come, for I trust he & Jimmy Rodman I conclude, & he is rich, with a large family.

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& anxious to do every thing for them as is his wife, & I know that they have begun to be dissatisfied with the academy as well they may be & the very instant Jamie lets me know I will write. I have had it so fully impressed on my mind that you would not come, that I can hardly think of it now as a reality without being ready to spin round in the floor. I knew James Congdon was not at all rich, & I thought the success of an abolitionist among fashionables & aristocrats would be but small. But Sammy Rodman bears a very good character & is more thought of respected than any other member of that family. I rejoice to hear of your good success in regard to your business matters, how delightful it will be to be down in the world again & to know that we have those 3 pleasant years in Boston which cant be got away from us. If you come here next quarter, Lucia shall too, I wish you would keep a journal faithfully & transmit it to me as fast as you file a sheet. I have done very well I think in the way of writing though you have not got my letters. I have just directed a letter to Anna at Weymouth which she will send you. It contains some account of St Clair's movements in Bristol county or rather in Fairhaven. He only got $3 there I was told &

this morning I heard through Mr Howland that the ladies had sent $10 to Boston. They are more gritty than I thought them if they have, for they are poor & few in number & $10 would be a large sum for them. As for the societies here, the diffinely is just this. Quakerism unfits a man for action. I think just as transcendentalism does. Joseph Congdon by common consent is the fortune of the society, that is, is President & does all the writing, writes the resolutions &c. just at this crisis is the thing that he is most afraid of, is that the holy calm of his mind should be disturbed & that the spirit of fight should get into the societies, that we should turn partisans, & such sort of trash. Sunday night I went up & gave him a battle, gave him Maria's opinion as to what ought to be said in the resolutions (the regular meeting was to be held this week) & finally threatened to denounce him as a sneaker, when he said that he would not go into the Bristol County meeting which is to be held here in April. The meeting has been held & the resolutions sent straight off to the Liberator, the Mass Ab & the Emancipator. I trust Wendell will come down here in April & do battle valiantly. All they want is a leader. not that Joseph is strong enough, but all sorts of Sweden borg ism mysticisms,

annihilation of the priesthood &c are dancing jigs
in his mind. The Lord deliver me from a quaker I
can't abide them. I took tea with the Beans, the
preceptor of the academy, last night, two young
Indivenians there & such a set of honest
feelers I never saw. Honest? I say because they
had not a particle of spite about them. &
had very kindly feeling, & great reverence for
Garrison — In second thoughts I shall not visit
out & Grant & dine & in Jersey's co & her you will
be in town this day Write the "little fevers of gossip"
may be
my heart warms to dear Collins —

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I shall direct to Charles Grant, for I want you
to get this as soon as possible. I will write again
as soon as I have any thing. I impressed upon
Jane's mind the necessity of immediate action
write as soon as you get this telling me all
the news you omitted in your last. Tell me how
the interview between Mr Stone & Garrison ends out